

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7 and 11-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose an engine torque control apparatus comprising a continuously variable transmission comprising a torque converter and a transmission mechanism wherein the transmission mechanism includes a primary pulley, a secondary pulley, and a belt for transmitting power from the primary pulley to the secondary pulley, wherein a discharged torque calculating means calculates a friction discharged torque produced by contact frictional force, generated when the pulleys sandwich the belt therebetween, and wherein the engine torque control section controls torque of the engine based on the calculated friction discharged torque, wherein the discharged torque calculating means comprises inertia discharged torque calculating means for calculating an inertia discharged torque of the engine or the transmission, the engine torque control section controls torque of the engine according to the inertia discharged torque calculated by the inertia discharged torque calculating means, and wherein the inertia discharged torque calculating means calculates an inertia discharged torque produced by rotation of the transmission mechanism according to the rotational speed detected by the rotational speed detecting means; nor does the prior art disclose the automatic transmission is a V belt type continuously variable transmission constructed such that a pair of variable pulleys are connected to each other via a V belt and oil pressure is supplied to oil chambers provided in respective ones of the pulleys so that the gear ration thereof is changeable, wherein the engine torque control apparatus comprises

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line pressure detecting means for detecting an oil pressure of line pressure as a basis for oil pressure to be supplied to the respective ones of the pulleys, and wherein the friction discharged torque calculating means calculates a friction discharged torque produced by contact frictional force, generated when the pulleys sandwich the V belt therebetween, based on the line pressure detected by the line pressure detecting means.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,829,528).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude whose telephone number is (571) 272-6954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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